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One year ago
Desiccation of peas and lentils in some southwestern and west-central areas was just beginning. Rain showers and high humidity was delaying haying progress.

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Harvest has begun in some parts of the province, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report.

Less than one per cent of the provincial crop has been combined, while one per cent is ready to straight-cut. Twenty-three per cent of the fall rye, 10 per cent of the winter wheat, five per cent of the field peas and two per cent of the lentils are now in the bin. Two per cent of the canola is now swathed.

The province received a lot of rain last week, which has lodged many crops and flooded some fields and yards. Topsoil moisture conditions have improved in many areas, thanks to rainfall that ranged from small amounts to well over six inches. Provincially, topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as four per cent surplus, 69 per cent adequate, 24 per cent short and three per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 58 per cent adequate, 33 per cent short and seven per cent very short.

Livestock producers now have 80 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage, while an additional 12 per cent is cut and will soon be ready for baling. Hay quality is rated as three per cent excellent, 53 per cent good, 36 per cent fair and eight per cent poor.

The Ministry of Agriculture has a Forage, Feed and Custom Service listing for producers to advertise and source feed products. It is available at:
http://www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/FeedForageListing

Pasture conditions are rated as one per cent excellent, 32 per cent good, 38 per cent fair, 23 per cent poor and six per cent very poor.

The majority of crop damage this week was caused by strong winds, heavy rain, insects such as aphids and lack of moisture.

Farmers are busy beginning harvest.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas)

Harvest has just begun. Producers in the region have less than one per cent of the total crop combined. Two per cent of the lentils, six per cent of the field peas, 14 per cent of the winter wheat and 29 per cent of the fall rye have been combined, while eight per cent of the canola has been swathed.

Large amounts of rain fell on Tuesday, lodging crops and flooding some fields and yards. The Moose Jaw area received 95 mm of rain, while the Tantallon area has received 264 mm of rainfall since April 1. Cropland topsoil moisture is currently rated as two per cent surplus, 55 per cent adequate, 42 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 43 per cent adequate, 54 per cent short and three per cent very short.

Livestock producers have 80 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage, with an additional 15 per cent cut and soon ready for baling. Hay quality is rated as four per cent excellent, 66 per cent good, 26 per cent fair and four per cent poor. Pasture conditions are rated as 29 per cent good, 42 per cent fair, 25 per cent poor and four per cent very poor.

Crops are advancing quickly and desiccation of pulse crops continues. The majority of crop damage this past week was caused by insects such as aphids, as well as wind, hail and lack of moisture.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current , Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas)

Harvest is nicely underway. Producers in the region have two per cent of the total crop in the bin. Four per cent of the lentils, 11 per cent of the field peas, 20 per cent of the winter wheat and 31 per cent of the fall rye have been combined. Two per cent of the canola crop is swathed.

Heavy rainfall in many areas has damaged crops and flooded fields and yards. The Gravelbourg area received 157 mm of rain, while the Mortlach area has received 309 mm of rainfall since April 1. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as one per cent surplus, 72 per cent adequate, 24 per cent short and three per cent very short, while hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 63 per cent adequate, 32 per cent short and five per cent very short.

Ninety-two per cent of the hay crop has been baled or put into silage, with an additional five per cent cut and soon to be ready for baling. Hay quality is rated as four per cent excellent, 50 per cent good, 39 per cent fair and seven per cent poor. Pasture

conditions are rated as 31 per cent good, 31 per cent fair, 26 per cent poor and 12 per cent very poor.

Producers continue desiccating pulses in many areas of the region. There are reports that some producers are selling cereal crops as greenfeed. The majority of crop damage this past week was caused by lack of moisture, as well as wind, localized flooding and insects such as aphids.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas)

Some winter cereal crops are being swathed in the region, while others will be ready for straight-cutting shortly. Most producer will likely begin swathing canola in the coming weeks.

The region received large amounts of rain that has lodged crops and caused localized flooding in many areas. The Meacham area received 134 mm of rain this past week, bringing its total received since April 1 to 285 mm. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 11 per cent surplus, 84 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as eight per cent surplus, 79 per cent adequate, 12 per cent short and one per cent very short.

Livestock producers now have 71 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage. An additional 17 per cent is cut and soon to be ready for baling. Hay quality is rated as three per cent excellent, 52 per cent good, 36 per cent fair and nine per cent poor. Pasture conditions are rated as three per cent excellent, 40 per cent good, 43 per cent fair and 14 per cent poor.

Crop development is advancing quickly and harvest will begin soon. Most crop damage this week was caused by localized flooding, wind, hail and insects such as aphids and diamondback moths.

Farmers are busy haying and getting ready for harvest.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

Harvest is just beginning in much of the region. Five per cent of the field peas, 36 per cent of the winter wheat and 20 per cent of the fall rye are ready for straight-cutting.

Like much of the province, the west-central region received large amounts of rain that lodged crops and caused some localized flooding. The Outlook area received 90 mm of rain, bringing its total received since April 1 to 238 mm. Topsoil moisture conditions on

cropland are rated as 52 per cent adequate, 35 per cent short and 13 per cent very short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay land and pasture are rated as one per cent surplus, 41 per cent adequate, 40 per cent short and 18 per cent very short. Producers in the region have 79 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage. An additional 12 per cent is cut and will soon be ready for baling. Hay quality is rated as 35 per cent good, 52 per cent fair and 13 per cent poor. Pasture conditions are rated as 17 per cent good, 51 per cent fair, 28 per cent poor and four per cent very poor.

Crops are ripening quickly and producers have begun desiccating some pulse crops. The majority of crop damage this week was caused by lack of moisture, as well as hail, wind and insects such as aphids.

Farmers are busy finishing haying and getting ready for harvest.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas)

Harvest will likely begin soon in the region as crops are ripening quickly. Many producers will begin swathing canola in the coming weeks. Most crop damage this week was caused by localized flooding and wind.

The region experienced heavy rain, lodging crops and flooding some fields and yards. The Tisdale area received 134 mm of rainfall this past week, while the Humboldt region has recorded 315 mm since April 1, the greatest amount for both the region and the province. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 13 per cent surplus, 85 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 93 per cent adequate and one per cent short.

Livestock producers have 75 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage. An additional 13 per cent is cut and will soon be ready for baling. Hay quality is rated as eight per cent excellent, 75 per cent good and 17 per cent fair. Pasture conditions are rated as five per cent excellent, 67 per cent good, 24 per cent fair and four per cent poor.

Farmers are busy haying and getting ready for harvest.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

Harvest will begin shortly in the area as crops are quickly ripening. Producers are likely to begin swathing canola in the next couple of weeks. The majority of crop damage this week was caused by lack of moisture and insects such as aphids.

Rainfall last week ranged from small amounts to 40 mm in the Duck Lake area. The Duck Lake area has also received the greatest amount of precipitation in the region since April 1

(213 mm). Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 63 per cent adequate, 35 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 45 per cent adequate, 41 per cent short and 14 per cent very short.

Seventy-two per cent of the hay crop has now been baled or put into silage, with an additional 14 per cent cut and soon to be ready for baling. Hay quality is rated as 54 per cent good, 39 per cent fair and seven per cent poor. Pasture conditions are rated as four per cent good, 39 per cent fair, 42 per cent poor and 15 per cent very poor.

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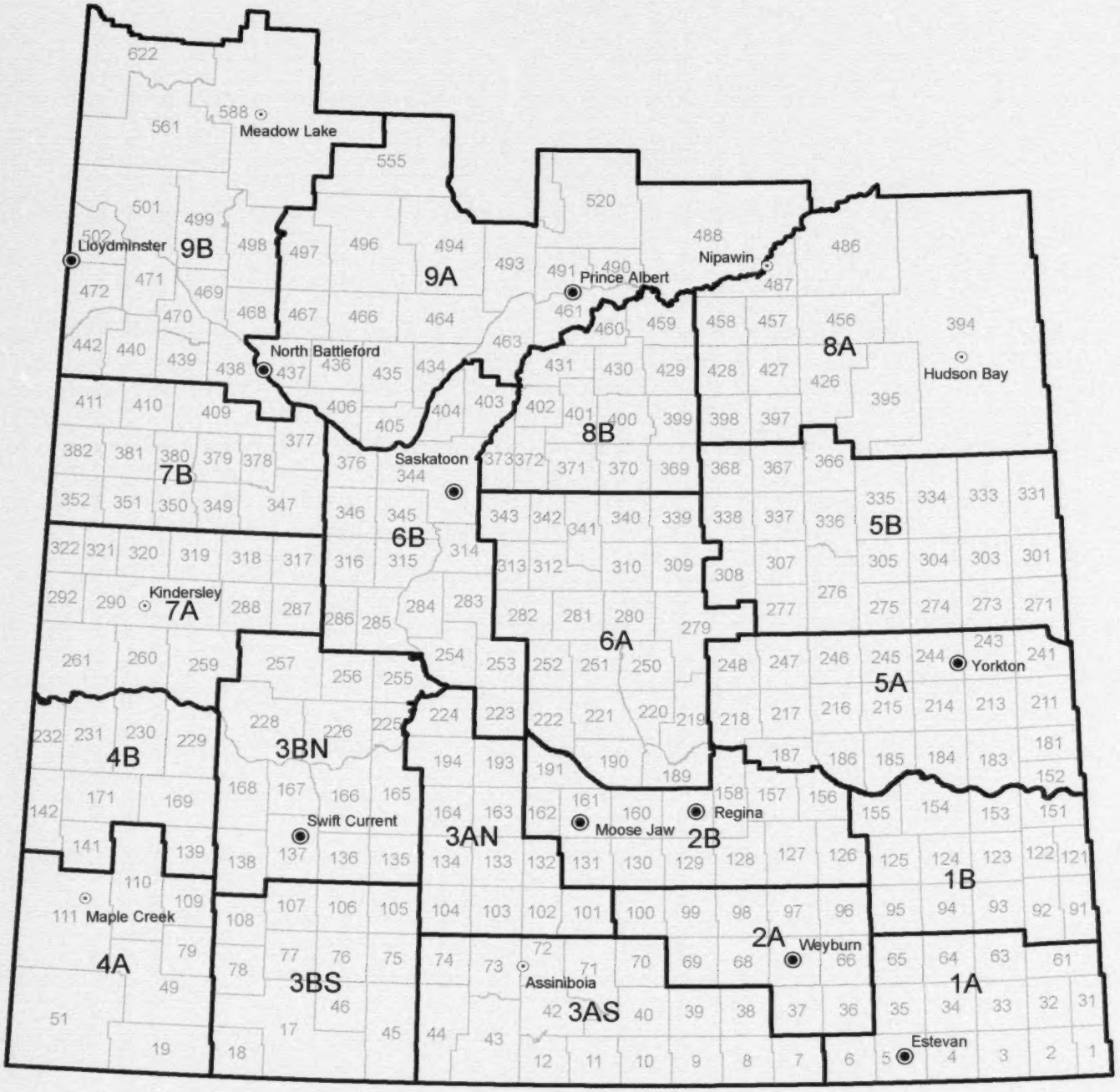
Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



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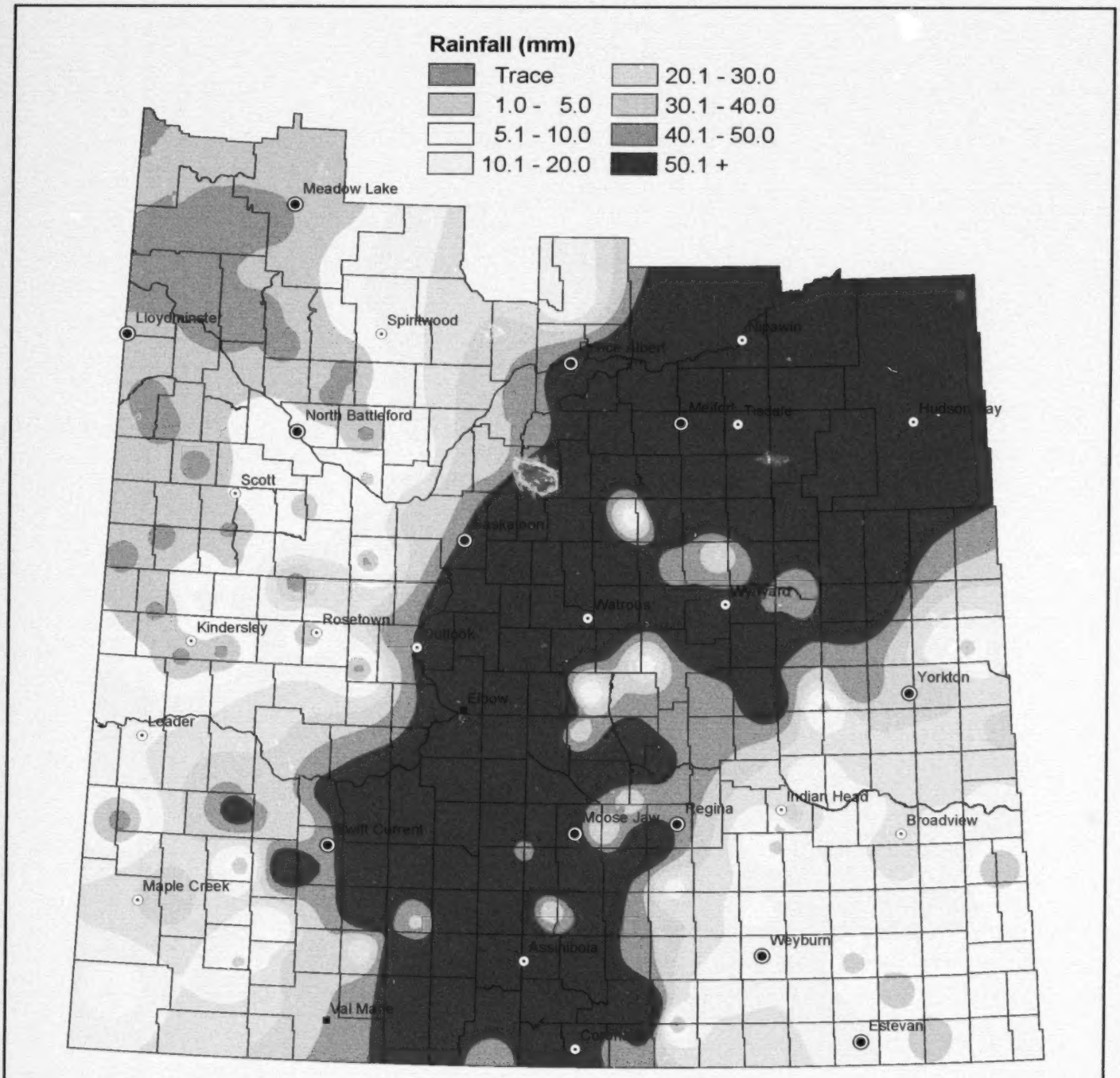

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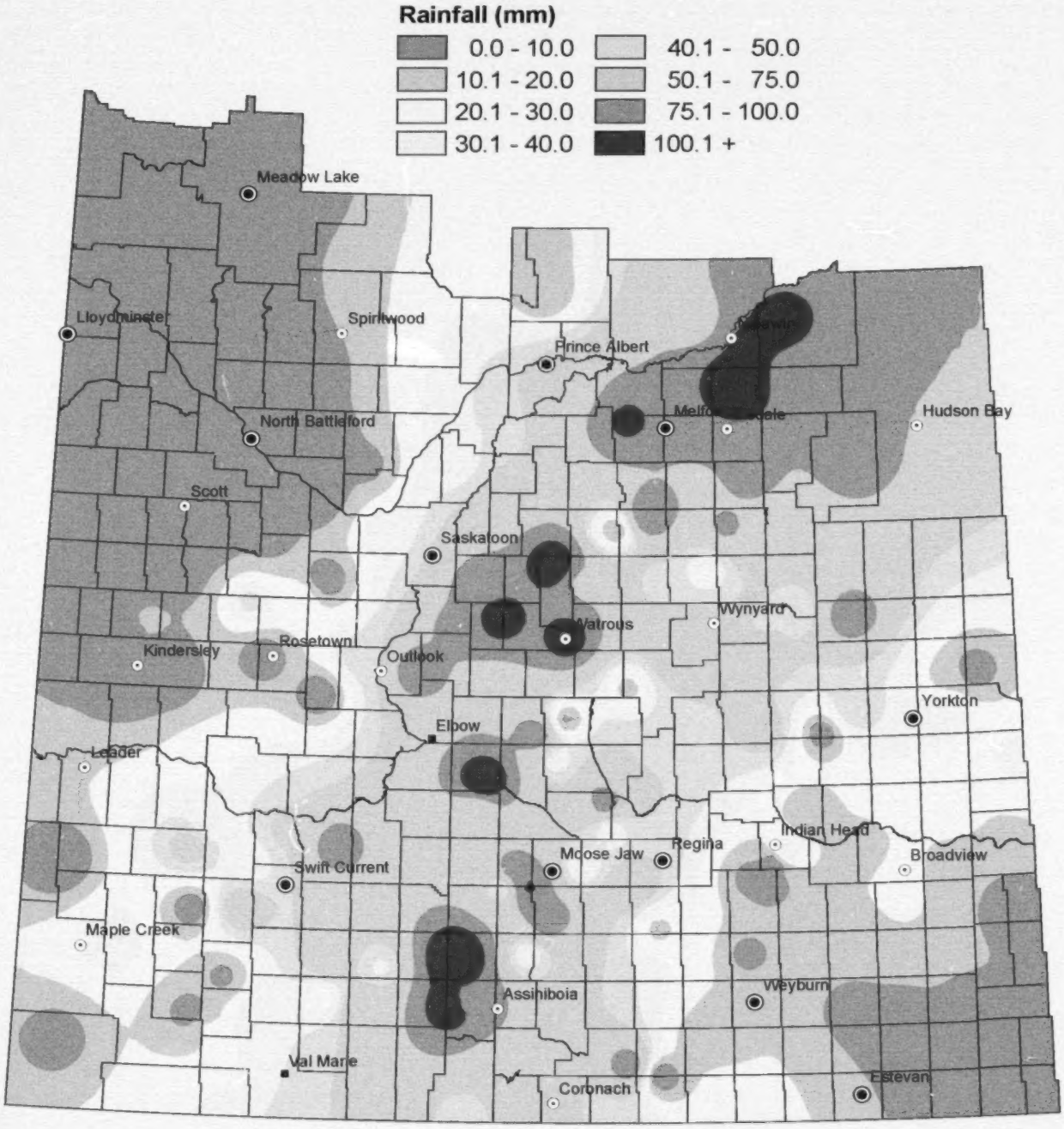

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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period July 28 to August 3, 2015

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	6	174
	3	Enniskillen	3	177
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	192
	34	Browning	3	137
	61	Antler	N/A	174
	63	Moose Mountain	6.1	143.4
	64	Brock	5	142
	65	Tecumseh	4	113.5
1B	91	Maryfield	8	170
	122	Martin	1	206
	123	Silverwood	13	232
	124	Kingsley	20	168
	125 A	Chester	16	194
	125 B	Chester	16	142
	151 A	Rocanville	11	264
	154	Elcapo	30	148
	155 A	Wolseley	12	237
2A	67	Weyburn	N/A	125
	68	Brokenshell	12	119
	97	Wellington	6.5	117.5
2B	127 A	Francis	3.5	181
	127 B	Francis	5	115.1
	129	Bratt's Lake	17	112.5
	131 A	Baildon	N/A	137
	131 B	Baildon	95	167
	156 A	Indian Head	42	152.5
	156 B	Indian Head	0	215
	160 A	Pense	28	113
	161	Moose Jaw	72	169
	162	Caron	88	156.2
	191	Marquis	N/A	232
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	17.4	113.1
	38 B	Laurier	17	110.5
	39 A	The Gap	0	144
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	48	147
	12	Poplar Valley	75	246
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	N/A
	40 B	Bengough	90	234
	42	Willow Bunch	52	200
	43	Old Post	44	145.5
	70	Key West	N/A	25.4
	73 A	Stonehenge	120.6	266.1
	73 B	Stonehenge	91	239
3AN	101	Terrell	50	199
	102	Lake Johnston	31.5	139.7
	103	Sutton	157	286
	132 A	Hillsborough	38	309
	132 B	Hillsborough	105	234
	134	Shamrock	N/A	31.5
	193 A	Eyebrow	49	279
	193 B	Eyebrow	N/A	242
3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	66.3
	75 A	Pinto Creek	67	279
	75 B	Pinto Creek	N/A	43
	76	Auvergne	24	195
	77	Wise Creek	40	164
	78	Grassy Creek	21	160.5
	105	Glenbain	38	218
	106	Whiska Creek	65	208
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	75
	108	Bone Creek	7	151
3BN	138 A	Webb	66	187.5
	138 B	Webb	N/A	74.5
	166	Excelsior	88	209
	167	Sask. Landing	53.2	166.6
	168 A	Riverside	30	126
	168 B	Riverside	32	109.8
	226	Victory	N/A	100
	228	Lacadena	26	98
	257	Monet	N/A	117

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
4A	49	White Valley	N/A	185.0
	51	Reno	5.8	126.6
	79	Arlington	3	182
	109 A	Carmichael	N/A	96
	109 B	Carmichael	N/A	49
	110	Piepot	35	87
	111	Maple Creek	N/A	98.0
4B	139	Gull Lake	2	148
	142	Enterprise	NIL	159.4
	169	Pittville	59	111
	231	Happyland	NIL	45
	183 B	Fertile Belt	24	271
5A	186	Abernethy	10	192
	211	Churchbridge	32	224
	213	Saltcoats	N/A	262
	216	Tullymet	N/A	117
	241	Calder	N/A	175
	243	Wallace	37	144
	244	Orkney	N/A	140
	245 A	Garry	50	239
	245 B	Garry	N/A	138
	245 C	Garry	3	232
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	N/A	111
	247	Kellross	60	200
	248	Touchwood	N/A	125.0
	271	Cote	3	200
	273	Sliding Hills	13	166
	277	Emerald	62	148
5B	305	Invermay	90	225.5
	307	Elfros	49	170
	308 A	Big Quill	62	158
	308 B	Big Quill	61	171.5
	331	Livingston	1	103
	336	Sasman	42	161
	337	Lakeview	N/A	247
	338	Lakeside	29	218
	366	Kelvington	55	217
	367	Ponass Lake	78	245
6A	190 A	Dufferin	97	279
	190 B	Dufferin	55	255
	190 C	Dufferin	45	169
	190 D	Dufferin	24	154
	219 A	Longlaketon	40	200
	219 B	Longlaketon	N/A	197
	220	Mclellop	57	184
	221	Sarnia	33.3	210.7
	222	Craik	N/A	226
	251	Big Arm	7.5	154.3
	252	Arm River	90	280
	279	Mount Hope	15	135
	282	McCraney	70	225
	312	Morris	120	189.5
	313	Lost River	124	244
	339	Leroy	44.6	210.4
	340	Wolverine	70	220
	341	Viscount	134	285
	343 A	Blucher	87.5	212.2
	343 B	Blucher	N/A	75
6B	223	Huron	138	220
	284	Rudy	90	238
	285	Fertile Valley	46	202
	286	Milden	0	191
	314	Dundurn	80	189
	344	Corman Park	36	127
	346	Perdue	NIL	144
	376	Eagle Creek	7	107
	403	Rosthern	30	161

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
7A	287	St. Andrews	1	182
	288	Pleasant Valley	N/A	156
	290 A	Kindersley	NIL	102.8
	290 B	Kindersley	6	142.0
	290 C	Kindersley	NIL	18
	292	Milton	N/A	71
	317 A	Marriott	N/A	111
	317 B	Marriott	27	180
	318	Mountain View	44	157
	320 A	Oakdale	13	89.5
	320 B	Oakdale	5	106
	321	Prairiedale	NIL	162.5
7B	347	Biggar	5	123
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	87
	350 B	Mariposa	4	109
	351	Progress	NIL	67
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	101
	377	Glenside	6	117
	378 B	Rosemount	3	140
	379	Reford	5	104
	381	Grass Lake	N/A	54.5
	382	Eye Hill	N/A	38
	409	Buffalo	N/A	62
	410	Round Valley	NIL	105.4
8A	395	Porcupine	87	218
	397	Barrier Valley	81.4	221.0
	428	Star City	N/A	210
	456	Arborfield	81	257
	457	Connaught	134	236.0
	486	Moose Range	108	241
	487	Nipawin	105	288
8B	369	St. Peter	97	223
	370 A	Humboldt	9	315
	370 B	Humboldt	N/A	149
	371	Bayne	N/A	144
	372	Grant	72.6	210.0
	400	Three Lakes	N/A	115
	402	Fish Creek	54	187
	429	Flett's Springs	106	248
	459	Kinistino	N/A	172
	460	Birch Hills	66.3	189.3
9AE	488	Torch River	64	195
	520	Paddockwood	10	178
	521	Lakeland	10	178
9AW	406	Mayfield	4	97
	435	Redberry	6	170
	436	Douglas	NIL	170
	463	Duck Lake	40	212.5
	467 A	Round Hill	NIL	114
	467 B	Round Hill	NIL	118
9B	438	Battle River	N/A	115
	440	Hillsdale	NIL	97
	442	Manitou Lake	0.5	94.4
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	132.1
	498 B	Parkdale	N/A	113
	499 A	Mervin	NIL	174.9
	499 B	Mervin	NIL	31.5
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	155
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	114
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	NIL	167
	502	Britannia	N/A	109.5
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	168
	588 A	Meadow Lake	3	176
	588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	132
	622	Beaver River	N/A	153.5

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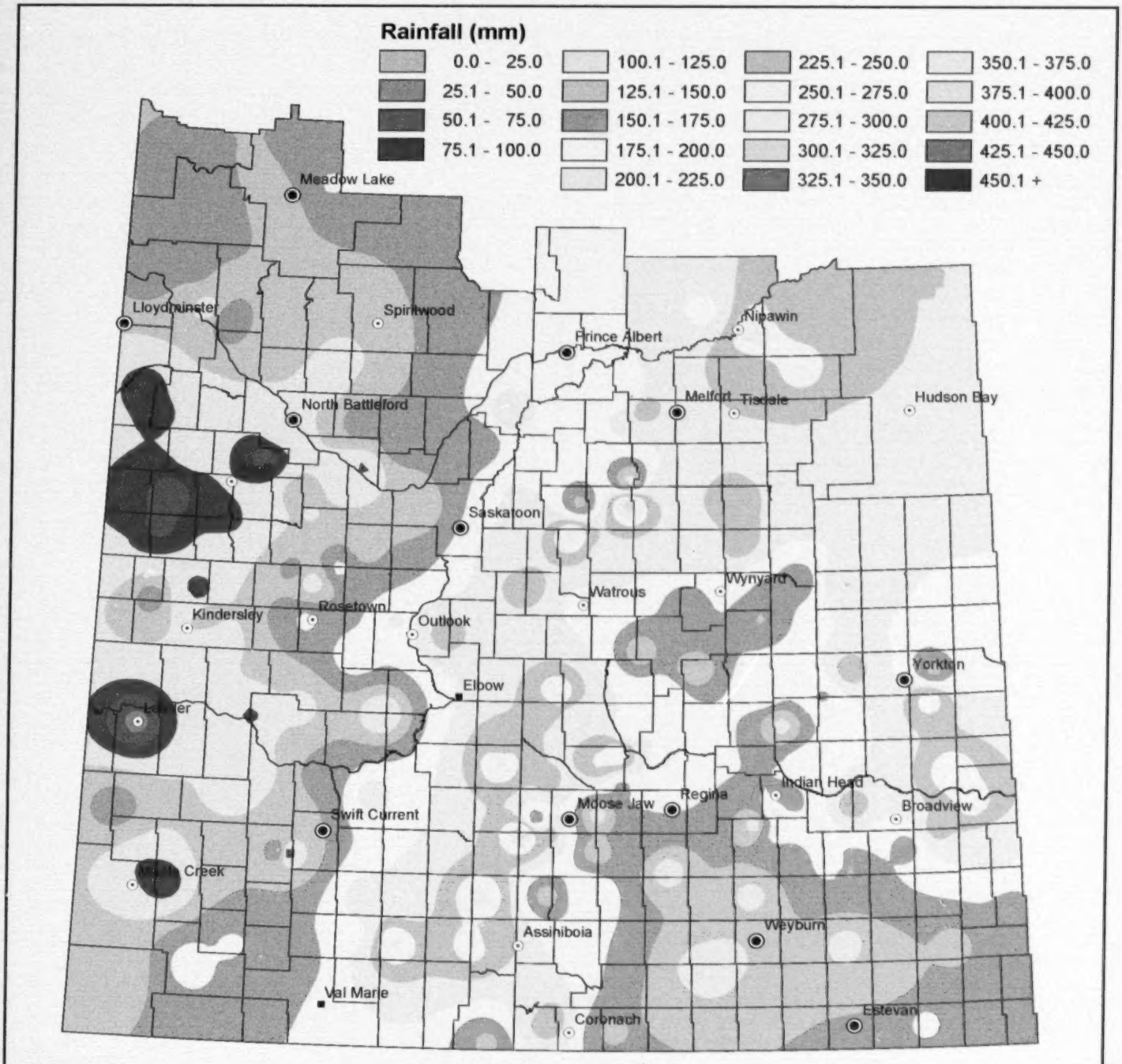

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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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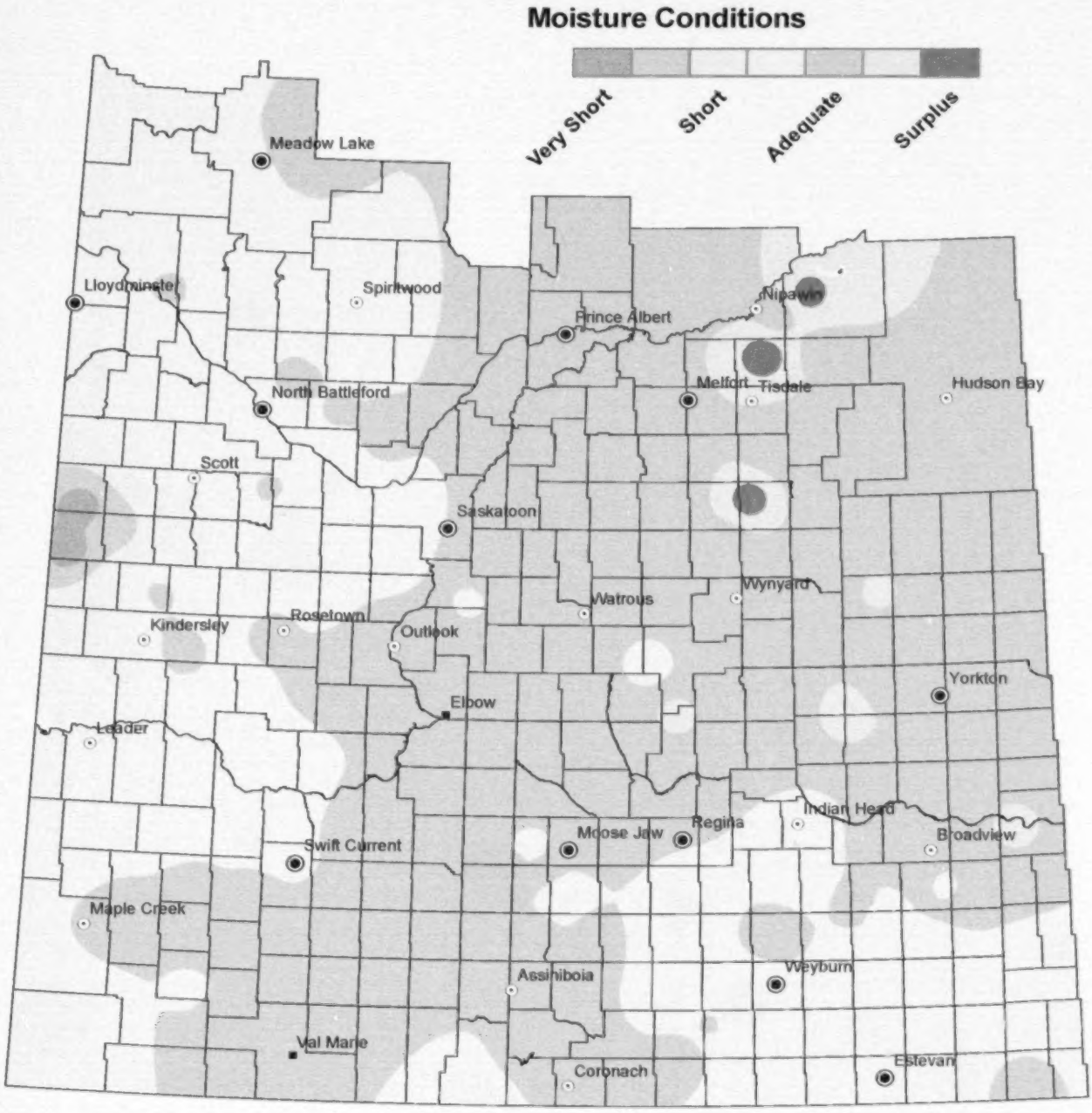

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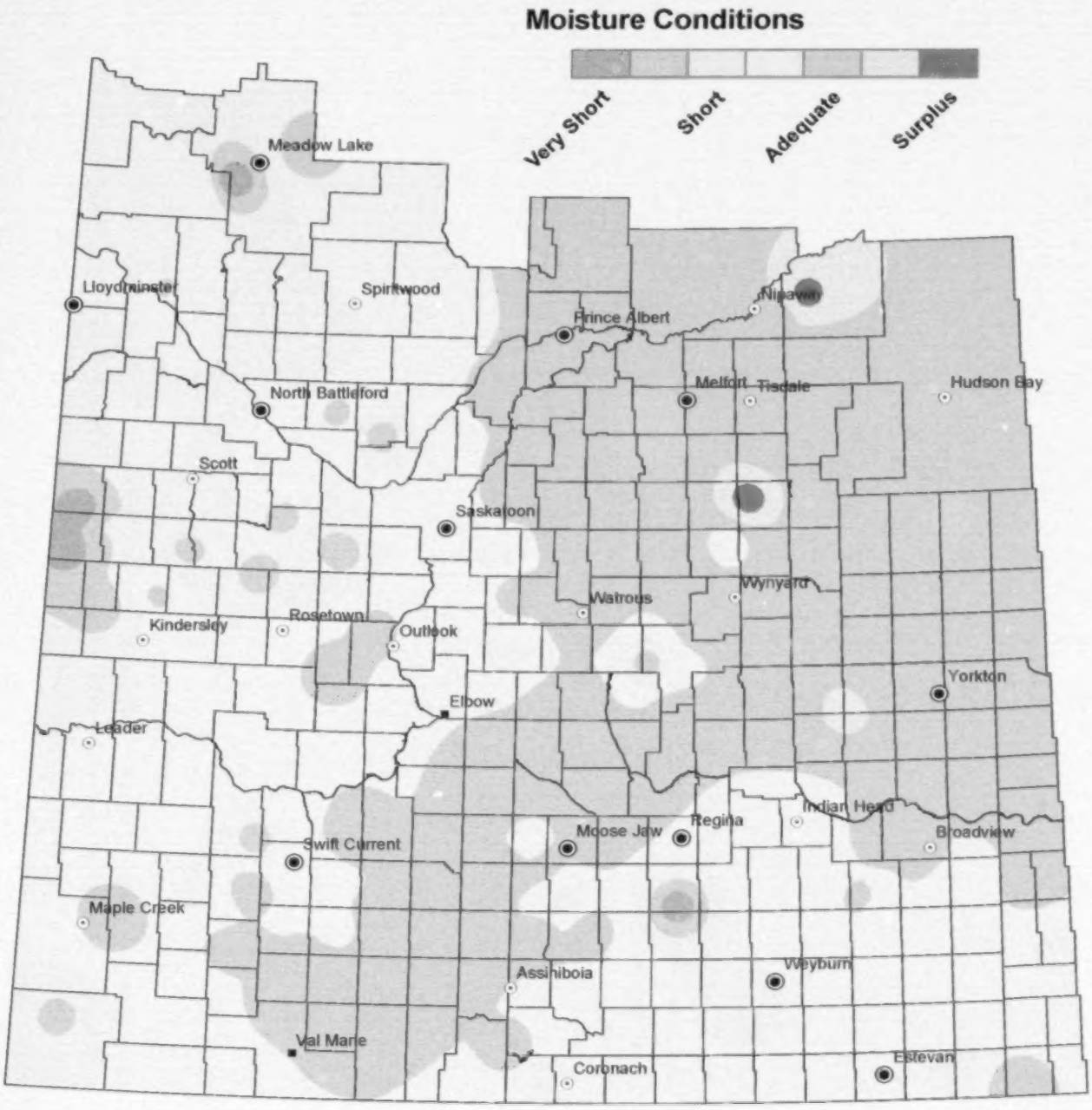

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